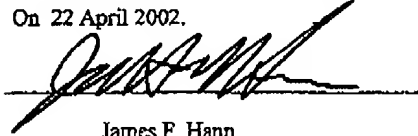


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In re Application of:)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3738
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Serial No. 09/691,817)	Examiner: David J Isabella
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For: ASSEMBLY FOR TREATING BLOOD VESSELS)	
AND A METHOD THEREFOR)	

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the first office action mailed 26 February 2002.

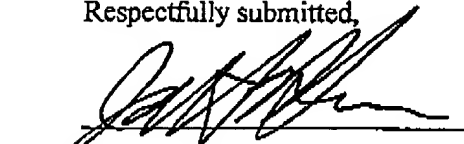
The claims were rejected on the basis that the reissue oath/declaration was improper. During a telephone conversation with the Examiner, it was agreed that the reissue declaration originally filed was acceptable with the exception that the phrase "up until the time of filing of this declaration" needed to be added. A supplemental reissue declaration incorporating this language is forwarded with this response.

Please note that the Correspondence Address has been changed. Attached is a copy of a CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR ATTORNEY AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY mailed 18 May 2001.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be helpful, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 22 April 2002


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enclosures: (1) SUPPLEMENTAL REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS; one from each inventor
(2) CHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR ATTORNEY AND APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY (copy)

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